

Books Vocabulary

Do you like to read books?

Marie: Yes ... I love reading ... I like nothing more than **to be engrossed in** a good book ... I regularly **take out** books from the library and usually read them **from cover to cover** in no time ... and I can't go to sleep at night without some good **bedtime reading**.

Do you prefer reading books or watching films?

Louisa: I'm not really **a big reader** ... I find books quite **heavy-going** ... so I much prefer to see a film ... perhaps it's the **special effects** or the **soundtrack** ... I don't know ... I just prefer a film

Is reading as pleasurable in digital format?

Alise: Personally I prefer reading a **paperback** or **hardback** ... especially if I'm reading **a classic** which I don't think feels right as an **e-book** ... but I can see it can be good for others ... my grandmother has an **e-reader** and she loves the way you can enlarge the text ...

Do you think bookshops will survive the digital revolution?

Thomas: I think so ... at least I hope so ... I love **flicking through** books in a bookshop ... online shopping is useful ... finding out on Amazon if a book you want has **got a good review** ... maybe getting one that is difficult to find ... but I still love the experience of being in a bookshop ...

Describe a book you have read. You should say:

- what this book was
- when you read it
- why you decided to read the book

Pauline I like reading ... especially English novels ... it's a great way to improve your vocabulary and there are so many fantastic authors to choose from ... one book that **came highly recommended** by my teacher was *The Mayor of Casterbridge* ... I was studying at a school in The UK at the time and she said it would give me a picture of what life was like years ago in the area I was living ... well I have to say I absolutely loved it ... it was **a real page-turner** ... it's a **historical novel** and **the setting** was a fictional town called Casterbridge ... but actually it was **based on** a town near where I was studying called Dorchester ... it had such a great **plot** ... to cut a long story short **it tells the story of** the downfall of a man called Henchard **the central character** who lives during a period of great social change around the time of the industrial revolution ... the reason I enjoyed it so much ... apart from the great story ... it gave me a picture of what life had been like in the place I was studying at the time ... I really **couldn't put it down** ... a fantastic story ...

Definitions

- **to be engrossed in**: to be completely focused on one thing
- **bedtime reading**: something to read in bed before you go to sleep
- **to be a big reader**: someone who reads a lot

- **to be based on:** to use as a model
- **to be heavy-going:** difficult to read
- **the central character:** the main person in a film or book
- **a classic:** of the highest quality
- **to come highly recommended:** to be praised by another person
- **couldn't put it down:** wasn't able to stop reading a book
- **an e-book:** a digital book
- **an e-reader:** a device for reading e-books
- **to flick through:** to look quickly through a book
- **to get a good/bad review:** to receive positive or negative feedback
- **hardback:** a book with a rigid cover (see 'paperback' below)
- **a historical novel:** a story set in the past
- **a page turner:** a book that you want to keep reading
- **paperback:** a book with a flexible cover (see 'hardback' above)
- **plot:** the main events in a film or book
- **to read something from cover to cover:** to read a book from the first page to the last
- **the setting:** where the action takes place
- **to take out (a book from the library):** to borrow a book from the library
- **to tell the story of:** to outline the details of someone's life or an event

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